

GIVES HIS MILLIONS TO JEALOUS BOYS TO PROTECT WIFE

John F. Betz, Sr., Secretly Wedded Young Countess and Quarrel Followed.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—John F. Betz, multi-millionaire brewer, this afternoon gave to his son, John F. Betz, Jr., his fourteen-story office building on Broad and South Penn Square, adjacent to the Public Buildings and one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the city, an offer of \$3,000,000 from Felix Isman having been turned down by the owner a few weeks ago. This gift follows that of the Germania brewery, worth about half a million, to his grandson. It goes before gifts of many more millions to his immediate family.

By the gift of these millions, the old brewer, who is now past seventy, hopes to protect his young wife, who was the Countess Anna Helena Hiereoff of Bavaria, whom he met ten years ago, secretly married and with whom he has been secretly living in Philadelphia ever since.

Two Children by Countess.
Mrs. Betz is now only thirty-three years of age and very beautiful. She has had two children by the brewer, a girl, Frances, aged four, and Johann, aged seven. It was only by the transfer of the properties that the fact of the marriage became known. Mr. Betz, Sr., had spent his time migrating between his home on Broad and Berks streets, where his wife lives and his son's home. Every one thought him a widower.

It leaked out today that about a month ago John F. Betz, Jr., discovered that his father was married. There was a bitter quarrel, into which was drawn John F. Betz, third, the grandson, and others of the old man's family. Notice was served upon the head of the Betz family that a concerted effort would be made to break his will when he died, and steps be taken also to recover anything he might give his young wife and children.

Forced to Give Away Fortune.

Mr. Betz is old and in poor health. To avoid this danger he determined to give away the greater part of his fortune, which is estimated at \$15,000,000, to his relatives if he would agree not to molest or interfere with Mrs. Betz and the two children after his death. This agreement, it was said today, was signed on Monday, and the transfer of property and gifts are now following. It is said that he aims to keep a million apiece for his widow and children.

TELL ON NIGHT RIDERS TO KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 14.—Detective Jeff Cundiffe, deputy marshal, who investigated raids in Kentucky, will go to Governor Wilson and lay before him the facts which, he says, will uncover many of those guilty of night riding in western Kentucky. Cundiffe says all who are not allied with the night riders are so afraid of their lives that they cannot be brought into court.

He also says he knows an instance where a county judge and prosecutor participated in a raid.

Sixty men called on Frank Maden, a trust representative at Horse Cave, Ky., last night and warned him to stop buying either pooled or unpooled tobacco and do not receive what he has bought.

Winds Test Evan's Fleet On Eve of Pacific Trip

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hearts, children, and friends of the officers. They all keep just as close as they can to the dear ones whom they will not see for another three months. Doubtless all would like to be close as the wife of the admiral. Mrs. Evans sits in the office cabin in the Connecticut, up under the bow, while "Fighting Bob," at a table nearby, reads his mail and sends out his final orders.

Perhaps no man or woman shoulders the responsibility for \$125,000,000 worth of property ever worked in such surroundings. Nor can anyone think of any other captain of industry who works for \$7,500, which Evans draws for his work.

In spite of all precaution against sickness, this last week of the fleet's stay in its original home waters has sprung an epidemic. Like the log that got in the Maine's rudder, it is only a laugh, and yet it is serious enough to quarantine the vessel that harbors it. This epidemic is of the grip, and it has caught the Kentucky so hard that thirty-seven of her men are down with it. As soon, however, as they get to sea the surgeons say they will be cured.

Destination of Fleet.

Where is the fleet to go? That is the question. The language of the sailing orders is that it will reach San Francisco about the last of April; total distance, 13,772 miles, but the very insufficiency of that language is what gives to this cruise the additional fascination of uncertainty as to its ending. It may be, as the Pacific Intention is announced, merely a practice cruise. Even in that event it is the most memorable cruise in the history of the American navy up to date.

But what may happen outside of the

outwardly declared intention is enough to give this quiet parting at Hampton Roads all the panoply of a world event. A certain high authority in Washington with an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the Naval Board of Strategy has said, without qualification, that the fleet will never return from the Pacific.

The letter of meaning in this expression is that the fleet will stay there to preserve a balance of power in Oriental waters. Another construction placed upon this prediction by pessimists is that it will there meet its fate and go under before the guns of that country which is now our most apparent friend—Japan.

Ordered to Philippines.

Another high authority at Washington close to the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy says that once the fleet has passed the Straits of Magellan and survived the waters of western South America, it will be ordered straight to the Philippines, and thence home by way of the Suez Canal.

Any of these conclusions is fascinating. Take your choice.

First, there is the obvious conclusion from this start, a magnificent entrance of the Atlantic fleet through the Golden Gate, as superb a triumph of seamanship as the modern sailor has ever known, the spectacle of sixteen first-class battleships rounding the continent and transferring the fighting force of a great nation from one seaboard to another.

Second, the passage of that same wonderful fleet, the greatest that ever floats, completely around the world, with all the consequent bigness of the maneuver and with all its political complications.

Third, war.

President Goes Today To Review Big Fleet

The President is ready to give the word "Go" to the greatest fleet of American warship ever mobilized.

The wind and sleet that kept a relentless clutch on the city yesterday and the news of a storm at sea has merely whetted the President's appetite for the coming event in Hampton Roads.

To be prepared for every eventuality of un-Rooseveltian weather he has given orders for the sailing of the Mayflower at 3 o'clock this afternoon, two hours earlier than the original schedule, so that the smart little vessel might have ample time to take her place among the gigantic floating fortresses in the Roads by 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

With the departure of the President the last preliminary in the remarkable trip to the Pacific will be in fulfillment. It is planned that as soon as the Mayflower, with the distinguished party, takes up her position, Rear Admiral Evans will go on board for his final orders. After other formal calls the command to go will be given at 10 o'clock.

Presidential Party.

Unless the storm frightens the women the following persons will accompany President and Mrs. Roosevelt on board the Mayflower: Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf; Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Newberry; Rear Admiral Brownson, Chief of Navigation, and Mrs. Brownson; Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, Chief of Equipment, and Mrs. Cowles; Lieut. Commander Sims, naval aide to the President, and Mrs. Sims.

For more than two days the capital of the nation will be on board the Mayflower, the President and his party not leaving their yacht after the departure until they land at the navy yard here on the return trip some time Tuesday morning.

A number of members of the House and Senate Committees on Naval Affairs will make the trip this morning on

board the Dolphin. The party will sail from the Navy Yard at 10:30 a. m., and expects to reach Hampton Roads late this evening. They will sail for Washington on the return trip tomorrow night. Those that will make the trip include Senator McNary and Representative Foss, Cousins, Roberts, Loud, Bates, Thomas, Dawson, Padgett, and Gregg, and possibly Senator Gallinger and Representative Knowlton.

Many Go on N. & W. Line.

Officials of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company reported last night that at least fifty men and women going to Hampton Roads to witness the weighing of anchor by the Atlantic fleet were unable to secure staterooms, but left Washington on the evening boat nevertheless. By noon yesterday every stateroom had been reserved.

It was also reported that most all the staterooms on the steamer leaving Washington tonight have been reserved by persons interested in the fleet's departure. This boat will get them into Hampton Roads at 7 o'clock Monday morning, just three hours before the greatest American cruise begins.

At the Union Station last night it was said that an unusually large number of persons had purchased tickets to Norfolk to reach that city in time to witness Fighting Bob's outfit pull stakes.

SOCIAL PURITY MEETING.

A public meeting on the subject of social purity, or as the invitation says, "Social and Moral Prophylaxis," will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Universalist Church of Our Father, Thirteenth and L streets northwest, under the auspices of the Monday Evening Club.

Dr. Charles P. Emerson, of Johns Hopkins University, will be the principal speaker. Dr. D. Percy Hickling will represent the medical practitioners of Washington. Louis F. Zinkhan, president of the Monday Evening Club, will preside.

Captain Murdock Joins the Fleet; His Wife Better

Captain Murdock, commanding the battleship Rhode Island, one of the big vessels to sail for the Pacific tomorrow morning, is on his way to Hampton Roads to report to Admiral Evans and take his command.

Mrs. Murdock, who has been critically ill in her apartments in New York, is improved, and is expected to recover shortly. Captain Murdock left her bedside for the first time, last night, when he bade her farewell, probably for a year or more.

The Navy Department was considering detaching another captain to take Captain Murdock's place, but he wired the department yesterday that his wife was better, and he would like to make the cruise with Admiral Evans' command if he found it possible. At the last minute it was decided that he could go. Should Mrs. Murdock show a turn for the worse after Monday evening, the captain will be out of reach, as there is no turning back for him, until his vessel puts in safely in the Golden Gate.

Capt. Alfred Reynolds, recently in attendance at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I., and Captain Peters, on waiting orders in this city, were both ordered to hold themselves in readiness to assume Captain Murdock's command, but they were relieved of these orders yesterday.

SLIPS BEFORE HORSE; MAN IS BADLY HURT

While crossing the slippery streets yesterday afternoon at dusk, Edward Burroughs, aged forty-five years, of 315 Sixth street northwest, was knocked down and run over by a light driving phaeton and seriously injured, suffering numerous cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries. The person driving the carriage has not yet been apprehended.

Mr. Burroughs was struck down almost in front of his own home. Before he could turn in the slippery street, he was struck by the front wheel of the carriage and dashed violently to the ground.

The person driving the horse, who was either intoxicated or frightened, then started to tug violently at one rein and the carriage, after turning a quick turn again passed over the prostrate man's body.

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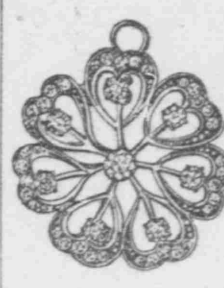
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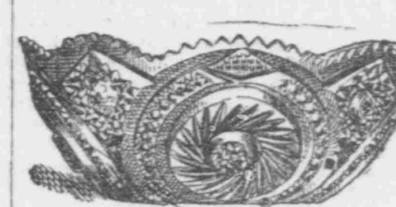
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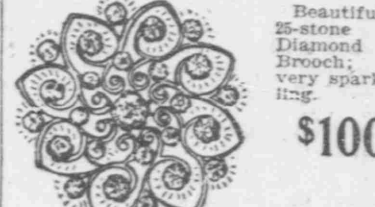
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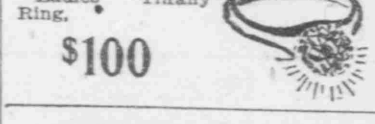
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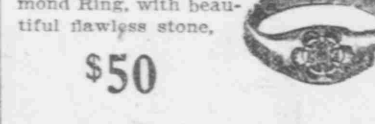
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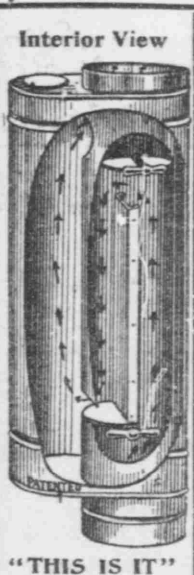
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